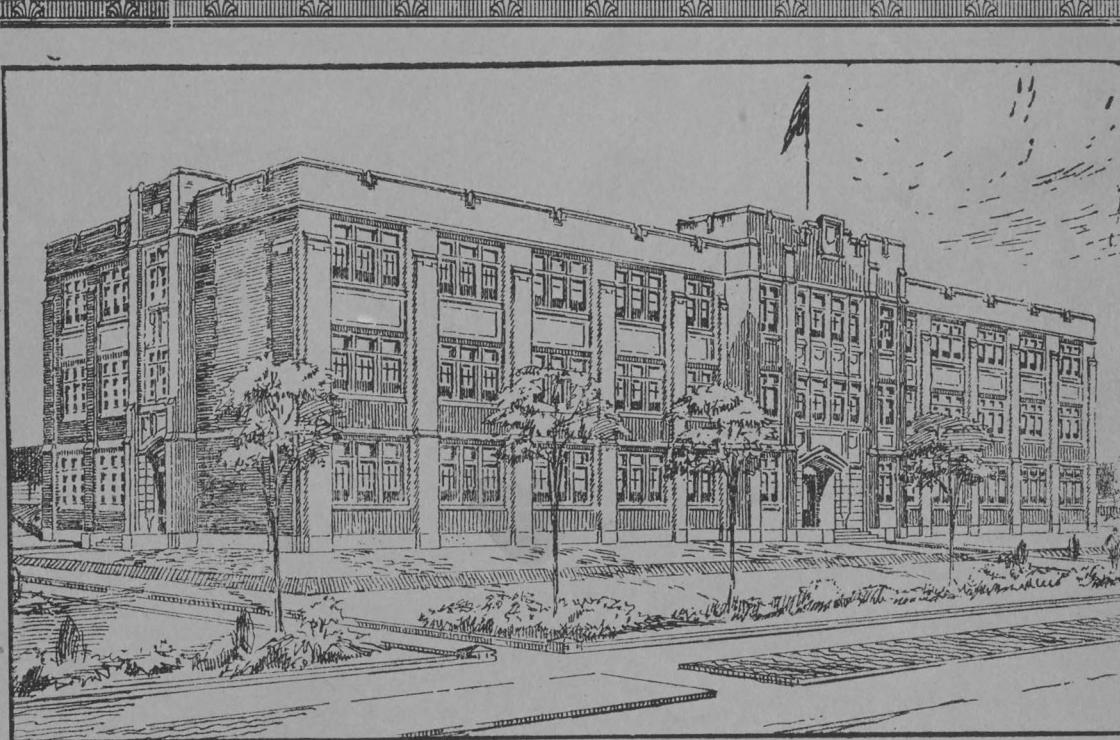
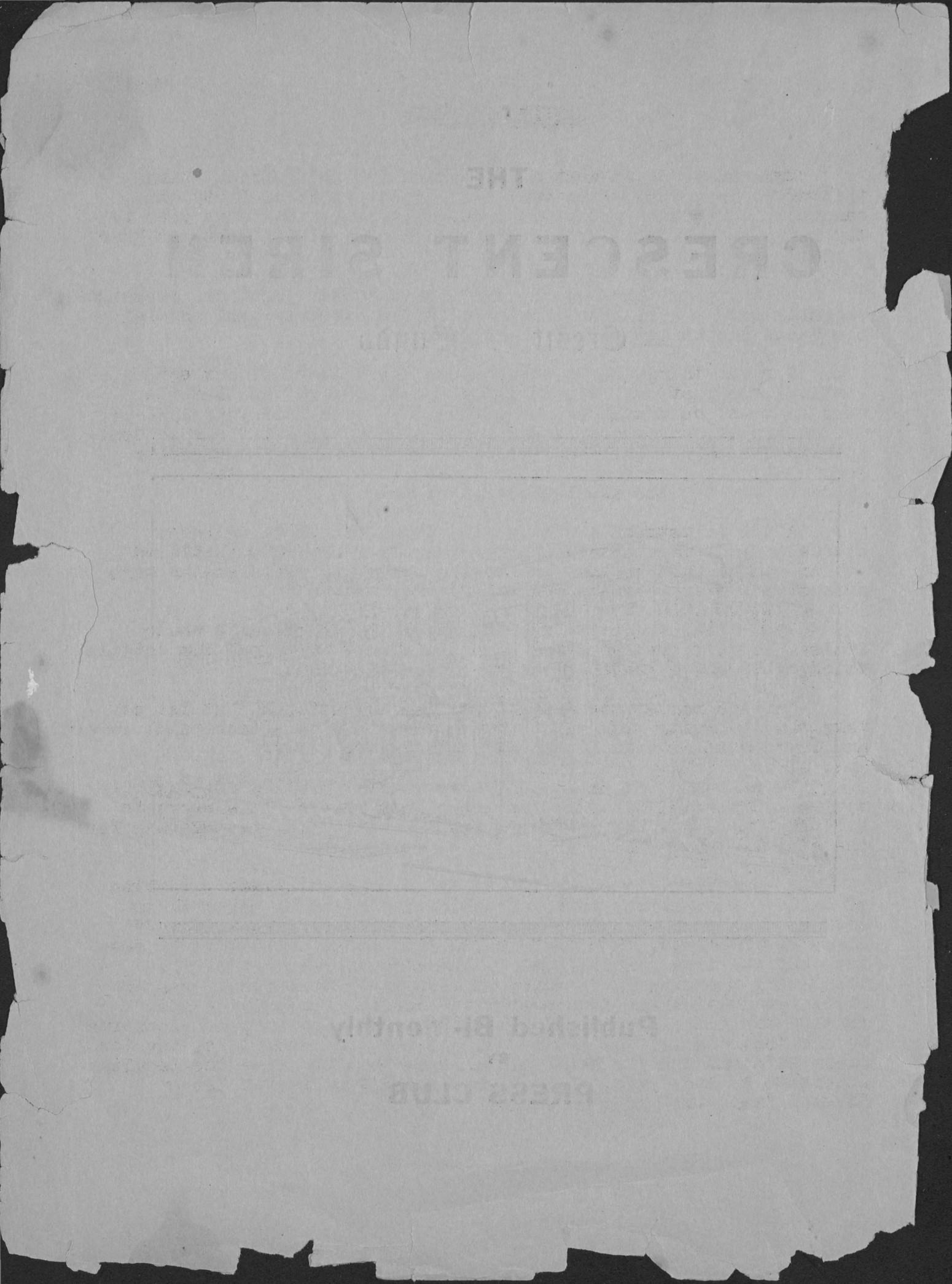


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LISTEN TO THIS

Crescents, do we want a reputation for not prizes things till we've lost them - the school field day, skating party and banquet? Let's snap out of it then, make plans that next year we may swing the pendulum back again, start on a clean sheet and have a real banner year.

At the very first of the year let's gather together, freshies and all, have a real school opening in the assembly hall and lay the basis for an active school spirit.

For one thing, let's investigate the history of our school a little - see just what traditions we must live up to. Let the cups we boast be displayed and explained - even this year 1932-33 has gained us some glory in rugby and basketball - let our academic attainments of the past be exalted - new students encouraged to keep up to the standard in their chosen line and express their appreciation for the attainments of others.

After illustrating what a good school we have, let some enthusiastic students take charge of getting everyone initiated to our school colors, tams and create songs and yells as the more demonstrative expressions of enthusiasm.

Then after we get to a point where the school as a whole feels a loyalty, let us elect an executive to carry out the details which will make 1933-34 a real year of achievement.

In this matter the "Siren" invites suggestions, but let us take the following plan as something to start on - then think about and improve it so that it may be ready for the test.

We suggest that an executive be elected bearing responsibility as a "School Executive", an instrument whereby the students will recognize and express their responsibility in co-operating for the school.

In a school of nearly 800 it is hard to cultivate a feeling of union. Accordingly best representation might be given if in each room a president and secretary or secretary treasurer were elected. These would be responsible for taking initiative in seeing that the room did its part by the school, responsible for organizing the room for picnic, skating party or banquet, responsible for cultivating a room spirit - causing competition and raising the school standard. Then from these let a "year executive" be elected, one for the Grade 9's, one for the Grade 10's, one for Grade 11's and one for Grade 12's, these to look after the peculiar interests of each year. From these executives in turn let a "School Executive" be elected.

CRESCE NT HEIGHTS P.T.A. MEETING.

On Wednesday afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. was held in school assembly hall. The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. A. J. Liesemer, and his topic "Finance and Education".

"Education is the basis of our material wealth", said Mr. Liesemer. "Upon it everything of importance including good government depends. This has long been recognized in Anglo Saxon countries where education has reached its highest achievements. The aims of education are not wholly and solely to provide mankind with a means of gaining his living. If we think that we lose sight of its cultural values.

"We have heard lately a great deal about the need for the curtailment of public expenditure. Home and school are being urged to make sacrifices all along the line in educational services. Are these to be merely temporary measures while the depression lasts or will they result in permanent curtailment of all educational facilities? The motive behind this seems to be an organized and definite attack against education in general by those big interests, who while calling insistently for greater public economy do not suggest any curtailment of bank or bond interest. It is possible that the lowering of the mill rate by putting Grade 12 on a fee basis, eliminating manual training and health services and reducing of teachers' salaries may make a vast difference to tax-payers with large interests, who can well afford to pay for the education of their children, but what will be the effect on the small tax-payer whose taxes amount to approximately \$150.00? He would save about \$9.00 by the proposed reduction and in return his fees for putting one child through Grade 12 would amount to over \$100.00 per annum. There is going on today an organized campaign of discrimination between children of the rich and those of the poor. Already there have been increased fees the University of Alberta with less service; the Normal school has doubled its fees with suggestions of still further increasing them next year. Every curtailment asked for," Mr. Liesemer stated in closing, "is the curtailment of some service or salary, while on the matter of exorbitant interest and exchange no suggestions have been made."

Mr. Ferguson during the discussion said, "Education still depends too much on local finances for a matter of such vital importance. To maintain the present standard a broader basis of financial support may be necessary. Education still suffers from competition with other wants which may be classified as luxuries." In briefly reviewing civic finances he showed that in spite of the present financial stringency, conditions are not as bad as are sometimes portrayed.

Other speakers during the discussion deplored the evident attempt on the part of the newspapers, by means of articles and letters, to sow seeds of distrust between parent and teacher and expressed confidence in the integrity of the teachers and in their willingness to make any sacrifices necessary for the general good.

SOMEDAY

(Respectfully dedicated to our teachers.)

Yon lad who wears your temper to the core
 Will some day be a man and likely more;
 Can you some good within his features see?
 And know ye not that this same spirit free
 May some day build a world or tear one down,
 Be known to all mankind with great renown?
 Perhaps those very traits which you now fight
 Will some day be the means to make him right.
 Mischief, 'Tis said, goes hand in hand with brain;
 Your job is not to bury, but to train;
 So, pedagogue, don't sneer while this is sung,
 But hearken back to days when YOU were young.

JULIUS CAESAR

Of all the men that I do hate
 The worst is Julius Caesar;
 I'd gladly give all that I own
 For one crack at his beezer.

He strutted 'round the streets of Rome
 In nighties made of satin;
 But what I hate him worst for
 He wrote Gallic words in Latin.

I'm glad that my friend Brutus
 Stabbed old Caesar with his sticker
 It's a darn shame it wasn't done
 Some thirty-five years quicker.

But Caesar's dead and buried
 And so is Cicerone
 And where these two old men have gone
 I wish their works would go.

If Caesar hadn't been
 So darned ambitious
 Instead of learning Latin
 We'd be catching fishes.

The Old Breeches.

When Dad's trousers are worn out
 They're passed to brother John;
 When Mother mends them round about
 Then Howard puts them on.

When Howard's legs have grown too long
 The trousers do not hide them;
 So Herbert claims them, and comes along
 And stows himself inside them.

Next Fred's big waist they close about
 Until they won't stretch tighter
 They're pressed, shortened, turned inside out
 And passed on to me the writer.

Ma Makes them into rags and caps
 When I have worn the stitches
 And after, maybe we shall see
 The last of Dad's old breeches.

Broken Hearted

There they go my Latin marks
 There they go my grammar marks
 And here am I broken-hearted.

Nineteen in May, ten in June
 They went down mighty soon
 And here am I broken-hearted.

The last time that we had an exam
 I knew that I was through
 It's bad enough to fail in one
 But I had to fail in two.

There they go my Latin Marks
 Low in January, worse in March
 And here am I broken-hearted.

The C.H.C.I. we can't deny
 We wish to see succeed.
 To make us fit to do our bit,
 Just this is all we need:
 Three days of gym, eight extra spares

Will give us lots of punch;
 And, as nothing beats good healthy eats,
 Three hours a day for lunch.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

CRESSENT SENIORS DEFEATED BY WESTERN CANADA 34 - 27.

At a fast game played in Crescent Gym on Monday, April 3, our girls lost to Western Canada. Crescents seemed a bit too anxious in the first quarter and sacrificed efficiency for speed. After this sudden outburst they calmed down and began playing a consistent fighting game but Western's first period lead did the trick and they won by a score of 34 - 27.

Ethredge headed the Crescents' score list with 11 points. Fox netter 13 for Western.

TEAMS:

Crescents: Ethredge 11; Crist 4; Kelley 2; swift 2; Van Volkenburg 8; Gerlitz, Luft, Rowe.

Western Canada: Fox 13; Ogilvie 4; Hickson 10; Black 2; Kerluke 5; Webb 2; Goodman, Bagnal.

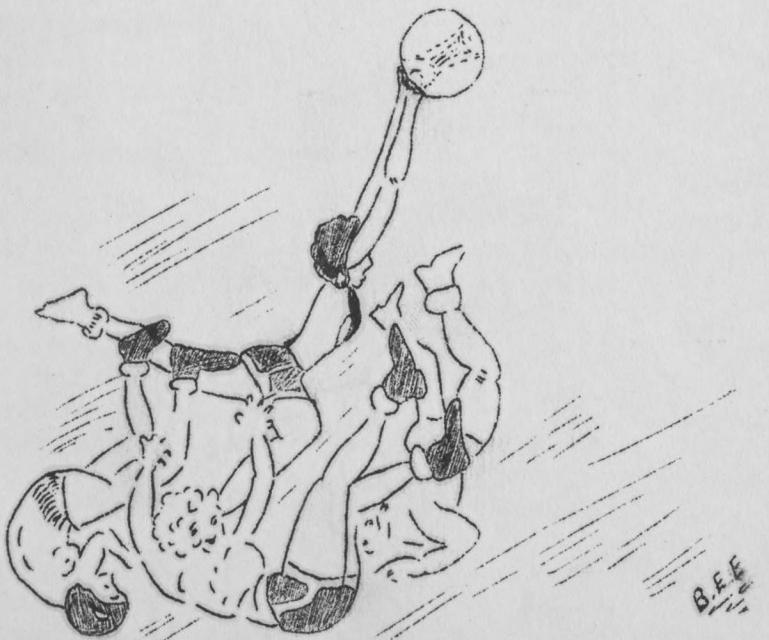
The finals in the girls' House League have yet to be played.

Baseball ought to be starting soon after Easter. Get ready to play when the time comes.

CRESCENTS ON ROAD TO CHAMPIONSHIP

In the most exciting game of the basketball season, the Crescents crashed into the Junior Provincial finals with a 36 - 35 score over the Edmonton Flying Fools. Even scoring all through the game kept the fans at high tension. In

WHO SAYS GIRLS' BASKETBALL IS TAME?



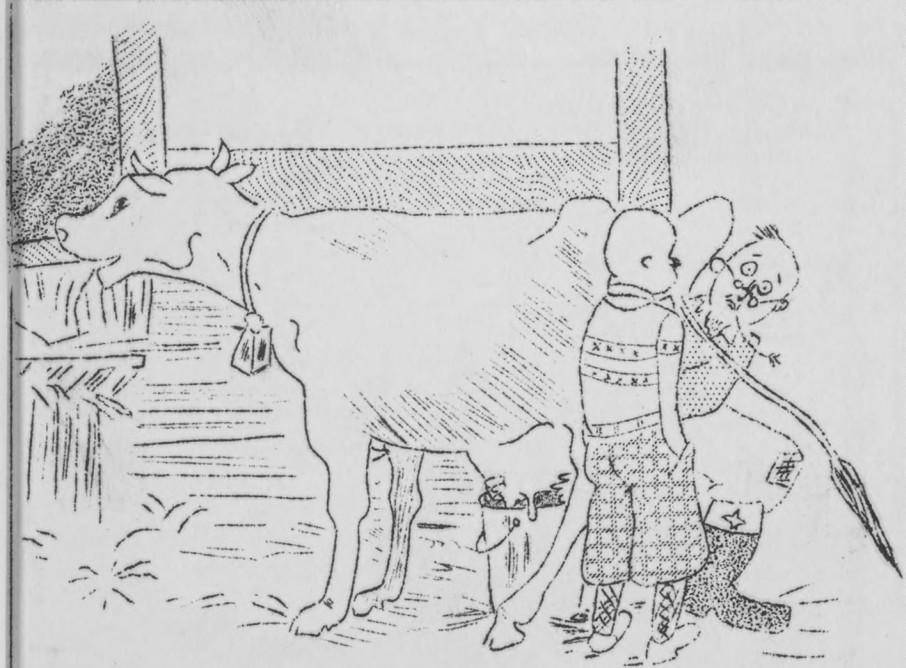
the last few minutes Edmonton scored on a clean long shot to put themselves ahead 35-34. A pass intercepted by Wright a quick pass to Alexander who shoots the ball on the rim of the basket, suspense, the crowd going wild, the ball drops in, and the Crescents win. Can't you imagine the scene? What a game! What a game!

Crescents 51,
Lethbridge 32

By winning the first game of the final series by a score of 51-32 against Lethbridge Chinooks, the Crescents have a 19 point con't page 9.

IS SCHOOL HOMEWORK DOOMED?

G. F. Rogers, chief director of education for Ontario, has gained the approval of Premier Henry, Minister of education, for a trial of the Sheffield system in a few Ontario schools. The Sheffield System will require the school day to run from 8:35 to 4:30 p.m., with breaks during the day amounting to one hour and three quarters. The longer hours will add about $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week to school systems but there will be nine periods per week of 40 minutes each -- that is six hours for private and supervised study. Not only is there a change in routine but a change in subjects, there being more practical science, woodwork, music, gymnastics, at the expense of mathematics and languages. Whether this system, which has been declared to be successful in Sheffield where the schools are more independent from university matriculation requirements than in Ontario is a question. But it is asserted that the boys are agreed that more work is accomplished that way leaving the nights free for their hobbies. It was claimed that in Sheffield there was not the necessary facilities and the quiet at home to enable them to concentrate on their studies, that there were too many distractions in the way of radio, movies, and amusements and that it was impossible to know how much of the homework turned in was really the student's own work. Mr. Rogers says in an article in "The Canadian School Journal" that "Schools are fighting a losing battle that believe in homework and they are trying to impose an ancient system on a modern world."

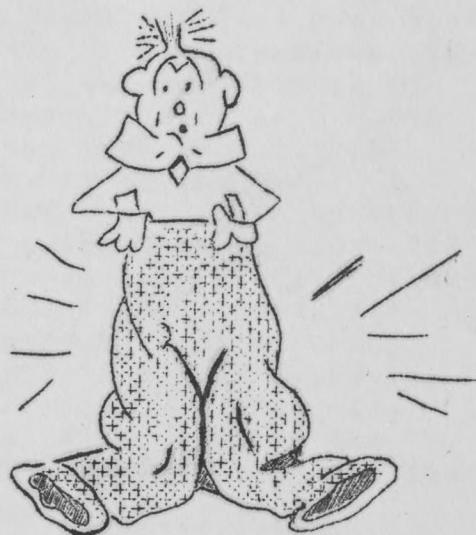


"What'cha doin', Gran'pop?

Drainin' her crankcase".

R. Williamson

Room 17



Heirlooms are things
that are handed down
from father to son --

Here's little Horace
in Dad's Heirlooms.

H. A.



CHOKE PAGE

Sandy bought two tickets for a raffle and won a \$1,500.00 car. His friends rushed up to his house to congratulate him, but found him looking miserable as could be.

"Why mon, what's the matter wi' ye?" he was asked.

"It's the second ticket. Why I ever bought it I cannot imagine."

Two small brothers were saying their prayers.

Jimmie had gotten as far as the passage, "Give us this day our daily bread," when Jack whispered, "Ask Him for pie, Jimmie, tomorrow's Sunday."

Fred Harris: "That was the most unkindest cut of all, as the poet says."

Stevie Dodds: "What was that?"

Harris: "I showed her one of my boyhood pictures with my father holding me on his knee, and she said, 'My, who is the ventriloquist?'"

Jack Barnes (eyeing rare roast): "Gosh, I hate rare meat. Makes me think I'm eating my brother."

Chuck Ogilvie: "Huh, This is beef, not pork."

Professor: "Science has made such progress that we can now send pictures by wireless."

Nelson Gahn: "Really! Ready framed!"

On her way to school Monday morning, a little girl dropped in at the parsonage with a basket of apples.

"Thank you very much my dear," said the minister. "They look delicious. I do hope however, you did not gather them yesterday, on the Sabbath."

"No Sir," said the child. "I picked them early this morning, but still you may not want them. You see they were growing all day yesterday."

Salesman: "Did you like that cigar I gave you? For 500 coupons of that brand you get a banjo."

Johnny Cape: "If I smoked 500 of those cigars I'd need a harp."

I call my girl "Quisquam" because she is so indefinite.

That's nothing. I call my girl "Rainbow" because she's always round my shoulder.

Jack Hoskins: "Hey, get off my feet."

Wilson MacKenzie: "How? I'm only going another block."

BUGLE GONE TO PRESS - Say, you modest people, why didn't we get some of that good Bugle material without having to ask so hard for it? ... Now the contribution depression has gone around the corner, the Editors, Jim Fairbairn and Del Fox are working just ever so hard - Mr. Asselstine is taking pictures of everybody - Mr. Laurie has been advising and revising, and now at last the Bugle has gone to press.

We told you Jim and Del were good editors and we knew the school had talent, and pretty soon you can see for yourself. Wouldn't it be nice just for once to pay your subscriptions in advance - fifty cents (50¢) ... 'cause I'm telling you, you'll sure regret it if you don't get a Bugle - you'll want to be in the autograph rush the first day, probably May 4th. Remember it's a SCHOOL Year Book, and that means the whole EIGHT HUNDRED.

GIRLS' HI - Y CLUB - will cap a splendid year by a final general meeting on Tues. April 11th, 4 P.M. - a program of our own, concluded by REFRESHMENTS. Don't forget the date girls.

BOYS' HI - Y CLUB - held a luncheon meeting last Friday. Mr. Maberley of Commercial gave a much appreciated talk on "Choosing a Vocation.

THE MUSEUM CLUB - conducted an interesting visit to the Museum just before the Easter Exams. Plans are now under way for a meeting to prepare for the big spring hike in combination with the Girls' and Boys' Hi - Y - Watch for notices.

THE ART AND TRAVEL CLUB - heard a most interesting talk by Miss Patterson, entitled "Hudson's Bay Indians". Miss Patterson shared her experiences north of Norway House: - where snaps could be taken equally as well in moonlight as sunlight; where she was the only white woman in a hundred miles; where she was teacher, doctor, and preacher to Indians who couldn't even speak English but must have an interpreter.

THE PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING CLUB - Oh, the Mock Trial was a howling success! It featured Pat Dick as defendant and Ralph Fisher as plaintiff in a breach of promise suit, Dick Morton as defence attorney and Eric Coffin as prosecuting attorney. The Jury declared the defendant guilty but the verdict was overruled by the Judge - Mary Faunt - which proves there was much to be said on both sides.

The Public Speaking and Debating Club has planned a meeting for Monday night at which there will be a discussion on "School Affairs".

THE DRAMATIC CLUB - This club is considering plans for some jolly finale. No definite program is yet under way but the entertainment will take the form of some kind of social. Let's have some real dramatic ideas from the members. Turn in your suggestion to Mrs. Hill Mr. McLeod or Mr. Laurie.

THE GIRLS' ATHLETIC CLUB - will soon hold a meeting to distribute Honor Rings and Pins. Congratulations to the winners! These prizes you will cherish as souvenirs.

THE BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB - is going to organize a Track Club. Now this is a chance for all our athletes to co-operate in expressing their school spirit. Crescent just must make a good showing at the Inter-Scholastic Meet..... Perhaps this would be a good idea for the Girls, too.

WE NOTICE

That Helen Pain is being seen places with Billy Maxwell, a C.H.C.I ex-student.

That Billy Dunn was seen at a recent basketball game with J.B. and G.D.

That Wilson McKenzie is seen with J.Bailey. How about O.R. Wilson?

That a certain girl in Room 19 is quite a two-timer. First it's F.D. then it's G.C.

John Harper meeting two or three girls in the lower hall every noon. How 'bout it John?

Ralph Fisher in the constant company of Marjorie Player.

Ruth Genman and Norman Cragg together.

Evelyn coward raving about some unknown boy friend. Who is he?

That Cecil Compton has his eye on Katie Mowich.

Dale Pearson and Lolita Tuttle together.

Percy Calbeck and Carol. Mary Hopkins together.

Marion Thompson and Jean Cove telling jokes. Why Not give'em to me SIREN?

Wilson McKenzie going around these days without doing or saying very much. Is it ----?

Allan Johnson playing knight-errant to Jean Bailey the other day.

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S O C I E T Y

WE UNDERSTAND

That R.K. of Room 18 is really that way about Art. Warnkin.

That Daws. Callbeck is having a hard time figuring out whether the picture in the library is of mens goes on Sat. Gracie Allan's long lost evenings. brother or the Baron's cousin Hugo. Maybe it's Rubinoff.

That Jennie Canill has several talks with J. VanVolkenburg. Better watch your step, Jennie.

That Agnes Barlow is trying to find a new boy friend.

That George Shaefer has a guilty conscience about a report to our reporter.

That Hilda Novice's mind is once more at ease

about her boy friend's loyalty to her.

That Beatrice and Walter can tell us the reason

for the pill-box fight the other day.

That Bernard Semmens had to talk so long a joke to sell. He went to about 20 newspapers

and to about 20 magazines but found no sale. When "Now look here, John" he got home he looked at said father, "Why ar the paper and said, "Hmn aren't you at the That joke's gone far enough." and threw it in the waste basket.

WE WONDER

Who Rose Bird was with on a recent Saturday evening. Where Jeffrey Jones keeps his pajamas,

Where Bernard Semmens goes on Sat. Gracie Allan's long lost evenings.

What takes place during the talks that Marian Thompson and Bob Mills have before their spare each day.

Who Bill Peggie's new Weakness is.

What kind of signals those are that Alb. and Marg. C. use.

Who it is that Jean Shears meets in the evenings.

Who the young lady is that Gordon Clark was seen with

That Beatrice and Walter on a recent P.M.

What it is that Nancy Smith and Harry Johnson Find

That Bernard Semmens had to talk so long and interestingly about

to about 20 magazines # # # # but found no sale. When "Now look here, John" he got home he looked at said father, "Why ar the paper and said, "Hmn aren't you at the head of your class That joke's gone far enough." and threw it in like the Smith boy. "Well" Said John, "Willie has smart parents."

We wonder who it is that waves Jimmy Fairburn's hair.

Who the four mysterious swordsmen of Hillhurst are.

C E N S O R E D !!!

lead to help them at Lethbridge in the last game of the series. While Lethbridge played good combination in the first half, the Crescents forged ahead in the second half to win. Wright played superb basketball to lead with 22 points.

Scores for both games in order:

Wright 7, 22; Alexander 15, 16; Gordon 6, 13; Aldrich 1; Smith 5; Stevenson 2; Duncan, Yates, Haskins.

The work of the guards in both of these games was wonderful and except for them the result - - - well, why bring that up?

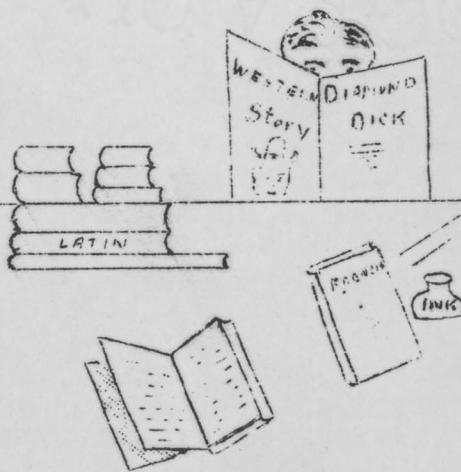
Great praise is due to both Edmonton and Lethbridge teams for the sportsmanship shown while here. All the Crescents say it was a pleasure to play against them. It was a pathetic scene when all the Edmonton players kissed the cup goodbye. We nearly cried ourselves - - - - - for joy!

We want to thank the girls basketball team for the royal entertainment provided for the players both nights. We also want to thank certain other girls (no names please!) who entertained the Flying Fools. They are sure no fools.

SONG HITS

Bill Buckley

LATIN
25%



Geometry
100%

"Say it Isn't So"

"One Hour With You"

"Today I Feel So Happy, So Happy."

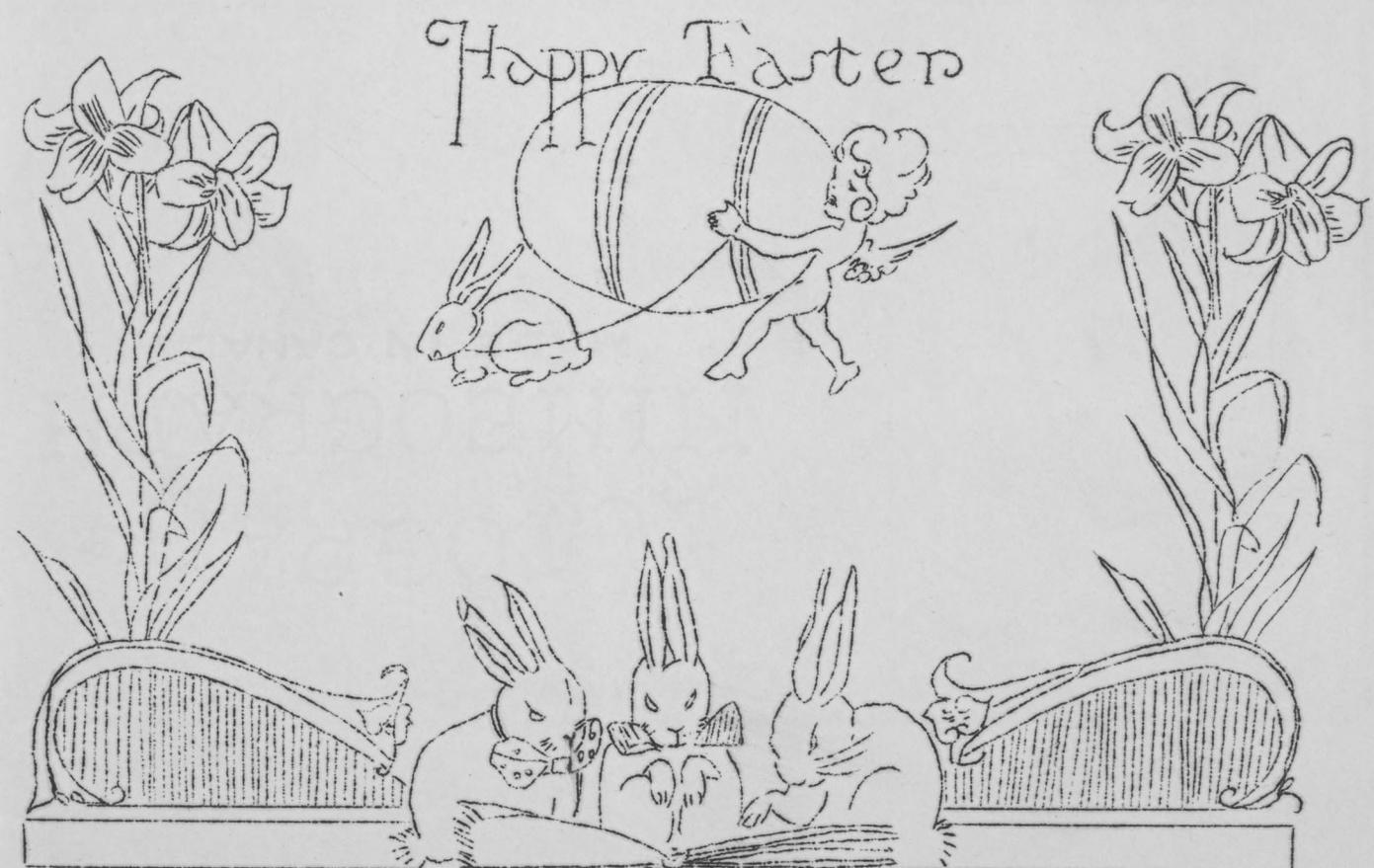
These executives must take on a very real responsibility. The School Executive must be behind every club and activity in the school, be responsible for advertising activities, especially where school spirit must be represented to outsiders, as for example, seeing we support our rugby games, basketball games or even certain scholarships - and the executive should make sure that we elect and support a cheer leader.

Likewise in the school, the executive should exhort our students to see that our school functions or papers are truly representative.

Such an executive would have hard work, but Crescents it would be worth it if it had school support!

Not only let us elect an executive, but also organize our time that we may express our school spirit. How about taking just fifteen minutes of each Dramatic Club hit for a "school" business meeting?

Now that we have something to start on how do you feel about it?



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HI-LIGHTS

FROM

MUCH THE FIRE

THE WASTE BASKET

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Old Winter, you scoundrel, you villain,
 you louse,
Say, what have I done that you come to
 my house?
Some folks may like you, and you'll
 probably stay,
But if you do, Winter, then I'll go away
Cause, Winter, I hate you, and you know
 just why,
Your cold winds, snow storms, and dark
 days make me cry;
Now Summer's my sweetheart, my buddy,
 my pal,
But Summer's not husky, for she's just
 a gal,
I've lost her, she's fled and it's on
 your account,
She hadn't the courage your trials to
 surmount;
I can't say I blame her, 'cause I nearly
 freeze
Each morning when you come and puff at
 my knees,
But you just wait, Winter, I'll get you
 some day,
I'm not sayin' much now, but I'll find
 a way,
So if you should wake up some morning
 and find
Your beard falling out and your eyes
 going blind,
You'll stop and remember what I said I'd
 do
When you frightened Summer and made me
 feel blue.

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The salesman to the buyer said,
"Our cars are simply grand;
They sell by dozens everywhere
Throughout this mighty land."
The buyer though was unconvinced,
A miser's second-cousin,
He answered, "Yes, I'm not surprised,
How much are they a dozen?"

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A man climbed in a barber's chair
 And said, "My words are few."
The barber showed his sympathy,
 And says, "I'm married too."

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The Siren is grateful to those who have
turned in jokes. Some of them we have seen
before - - - some not yet!

OUR SCHOOL HISTORY

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Crescent Heights High School started to
"Grow as it goes" in 1913 at Alexandra
School in East Calgary. From here it was
transferred to King George school for a few
months in 1914. Maybe they didn't pay the
rent or something, anyway the school was
moved to Stanley Jones in September of the
same year. In 1915 it decided to move north
but stopped at Balmoral. Here the school was
stuck until 1929 when it shook free from
it's foundations and moved into it's present
sleeping quarters.

Mr. Aberhart and Mr. Ferguson have been
at the school since 1915.

The school motto "Crescit Eundo" which
freely translated means "It grows as it
goes" was first used in 1927.

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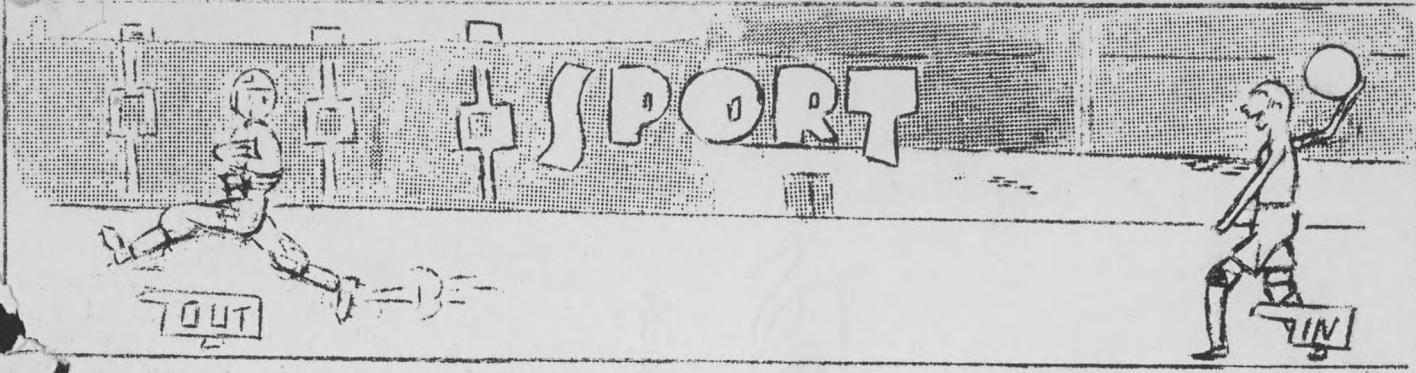
By Harry Huddleston.

Have you ever really stopped to think,
What you can really do with ink,
How you can make a person great or small,
Or make him fat or make him tall;
Or if you're really good like me,
 (But at that you won't agree)
You can paint pictures of the sea.

Again, think what money ink may bring,
By writing stories, books, poems, or anything,
For ink brings the news you want to know,
Or advertises the things you want to show,
For ink and I can show to you,
 (I'll tell you later what to do,)
How to be happy sad or blue.

Ink has powers that are both far and wide,
That make even the greatest and strongest
 men abide,
For ink has made all the contracts of the day,
To which every person must obey;
And yet ink also makes life worth while,
 (But I guess at this you'll only smile
Because it sure reduces my worries a pile)

Imagine what hard work it would be,
If you had to remember everything you
How you'd fume; and how you'd frown
Wish it so goodness it were written
So you want you to - - -
 needn't



CRESCENTS SMOTHER MOUNT ROYAL 26-0.

The Crescents played a great brand of football in their game with Mount Royal to pile up a score of 26 - 0. Although playing against a bigger, heavier team the Crescents had control of the game throughout. The Royalites seemed to lack good team-work.

All the Crescent Heights players were in good form, Gordon, Stevenson and Large showing up particularly well. In the first quarter, Culley Rabkin made a great 30 yard run and later in the game Stevenson went through for two good runs one of them counting a major score.

The red and blue did some very good passing and forward passes from Jimmy Gordon to Joe Turner and Stew Dodds were completed for touchdowns.

The other two Crescent players to cross the line for a count were Pete Large and Jimmy Gordon.

Bill Stark starred for Mount Royal.

Lineup - Halves, Rabkin, Stevenson, Large, Gordon; quarter, Dodds; centre, Dobson; insides, McCush, Campbell; middles, Shantz, Belkin; ends, Kendrick, Turner; subs, Peacock, Reynolds, Dawson, Bennett, Nazar, Jeffery.

Central won the Senior Rugby championship by defeating Western. The champions now expect to play Edmonton for the inter-city high school championship. They have not lost a game this year. We expect to see Central bring home the cup. Our best wish for success go to Central.

TRAGEDY IN ONE ACT.

Play opens with man and woman in drawing room seated side by side on a sofa and embracing each other passionately.

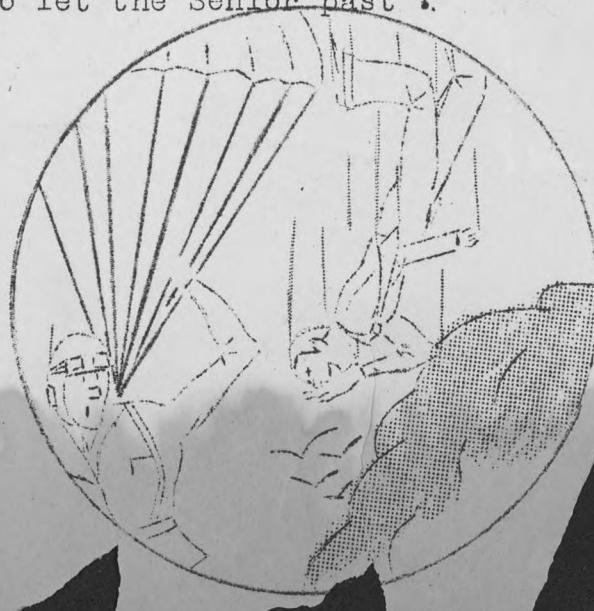
Enters a man with a suitcase and an umbrella. He is of course to all intents the husband unexpectedly returned.

Husband no sooner takes in the situation than he yanks out a revolver and shoots both the man and woman.

Then he takes his glasses, puts them on, looks about and suddenly exclaims with a start.

"Merciful heavens ! I'm on the wrong floor!"

The Senior stood on the railway track,
The train was coming fast,
The train got off the railway track,
To let the Senior past !



2-28 1947 GULF OF MEXICO AND

WILLISTON BASIN

1. The Gulf of Mexico and Williston Basin are two distinct geological provinces. The Gulf of Mexico is a large, shallow, relatively stable basin, while the Williston Basin is a deep, narrow, elongated basin.

2. The Gulf of Mexico is characterized by its high degree of subsidence, which has led to the formation of numerous oil and gas fields. The Williston Basin, on the other hand, is characterized by its high degree of uplift, which has led to the formation of numerous coal deposits.

3. The Gulf of Mexico is a relatively young basin, having formed during the late Paleozoic and early Mesozoic eras. The Williston Basin, on the other hand, is a very old basin, having formed during the late Paleozoic and early Mesozoic eras.

4. The Gulf of Mexico is a relatively stable basin, with little tectonic activity. The Williston Basin, on the other hand, is a relatively unstable basin, with significant tectonic activity.

5. The Gulf of Mexico is a relatively shallow basin, with depths generally less than 100 meters. The Williston Basin, on the other hand, is a relatively deep basin, with depths generally greater than 100 meters.

6. The Gulf of Mexico is a relatively stable basin, with little tectonic activity. The Williston Basin, on the other hand, is a relatively unstable basin, with significant tectonic activity.